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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under C.F.R. §1.56, and §1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 36-12387, published on August 2, 1961, together with an English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 57-79909, published on May 19, 1982, together with an English language translation of the same;

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1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

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together with English language counterpart U.S. Patent Application Publication No.  
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International Application No. WO 01/52531 A1, published on July 19, 2001;

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U.S. Patent No. 4,262,988 to ISHIBAI et al., issued on April 21, 1981;

U.S. Patent No. 4,400,065 to NAGLER, issued on August 23, 1983;

U.S. Patent No. 5,583,692 to FUNATSU, issued on December 10, 1996;

U.S. Patent No. 5,729,390 to ABE, issued on March 17, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,926,657 to HASUSHITA, issued on July 20, 1999;

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U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003-0151660 to HIRUNUMA et al., which published on August 14, 2003.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite

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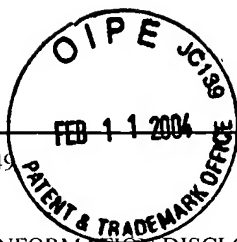
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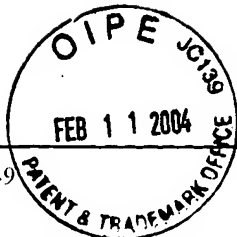
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